

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

17 July 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman

FROM: Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: DIS Request to Discontinue Local Agency  
Checks on Basic Trainees

REFERENCE: Admiral Murphy's memo to you of 11 July 1978,  
Same subject.

1. We have reviewed Admiral Murphy's recommendation for approval of DIS proposal to discontinue local agency checks on basic trainees in view of their close arrangement with local police services and the short period of time ( 7 - 8 weeks) the trainees are assigned [REDACTED] 25X1

2. We note the circumstances and find them sufficiently covered by standing base/police arrangements to believe that anything untoward would come to official military attention [REDACTED] We are of the opinion that this arrangement satisfies the spirit of the DCID 1/14 requirement. 25X1

3. We also note Admiral Murphy's recommendation and his assurance that this case would not set precedence - each subsequent (and there may be more) DIS proposal to discontinue LAC's at other basic training centers will be referred to you for consideration.

4. We further note that DIS continues to conduct surveys regarding the productivity of elements of investigations and sense that this will continue in todays world of seeking cost effectiveness of government activities. We believe that we can properly address the results of such surveys should the ramifications impinge on SCI DCID 1/14 investigations by referring strongly to the DCI's letter to the Secretary of Defense requesting additional considerations to DIS needs and the arguments set forth therein.

5. On the other hand, we reviewed the tenents of DCID 1/14 and can find no explicit authority for you as the Chairman, Security Committee to grant exception to the requirements established by DCID 1/14. Admiral Murphy notes the same circumstance. Nonetheless, he brings the matter to your attention and clearly presumes you do have exception authority. We are divided on this issue. The purists, going by the letter of the DCID, are correct in pointing out that there is no delegation to you or to the Committee as a whole to waive background investigation requirements under these circumstances. The classicists hold that you speak for the DCI in these matters. The DCI promulgated the order and he can modify it through you.

6. We have prepared two responses from you to Admiral Murphy. One reflects your assumption of authority and approves the request. (Tab A) The other joins him in his view that although a senior intelligence officer (and Chairman of the Committee), there is no authority provided for you in DCID 1/14 to grant any exceptions. (Tab B)

7. I recommend you demonstrate assumption of the authority and sign approval of the request to waive the requirement to conduct local Agency checks on basic trainees. (Tab A)

8. After you select one of these courses of action, we will prepare an appropriate memorandum for the DDA and notes for you to address the SECOM membership. 25X1



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Daniel J. Murphy, Admiral, USN (Ret)  
Director, Security Plans and Programs  
ODASD (A)

FROM: Robert W. Gambino  
Chairman

SUBJECT: Conducting Local Agency Checks on  
Basic Trainees

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum for Chairman, Security Committee  
Same Subject dated 11 July 1978.

1. Your consideration in bringing to my attention the proposal of the Director, Defense Investigative Service to discontinue certain local Agency checks portion of Special Background Investigations is appreciated.

2. In recognition of the circumstances involved, and in light of your recommendation, the request made by DIS is approved. Would you so inform DIS.

3. Please advise DIS that The Security Committee desires to review any subsequent proposal to discontinue LACs at any other location and under any other circumstance.

Robert W. Gambino

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REFERENCE: Your memorandum for Chairman, DCI, Security  
Committee, Same subject, dtd 11 July 1978

1. Your consideration in bringing to my attention the proposal of the Director, Defense Investigative Service to discontinue certain local Agency checks in connection with Special Background Investigations is appreciated.

2. The circumstances which lead to the proposal are well set forth and the consideration to seek cost effectiveness in investigations is noteworthy.

3. I view this proposal, however, as not in keeping with the spirit of the recent deliberations of the NFIB which resulted in a letter from the DCI to the Secretary of Defense highlighting the importance of Special Background Investigations and encouraging the Secretary to provide necessary resources to assure that they are conducted to the fullest measure. The NFIB discussion on this matter seem to me to reflect a solid position that SCI background investigations are well worth the expenditure of resources to comply with the stipulations of DCID 1/14. For this reason, I believe it would be inappropriate at this time for me to seek DCI authority to grant exceptions to the requirements established by DCID 1/14.

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